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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

TENEMENT BABES' NARROW ESCAPE.

Hundreds of Them and Their Toy-Laden Christmas Trees Carried Into Street.

WERE DRIVEN OUT BY FLAMES

A Six-Story Building in New York Near Tenants' Home Was Burned to the Ground.

Police Had Hard Time Handling the Crowds that Gathered From Surrounding Houses.

New York, Dec. 25.—Hundreds of tenement babes and their toy-laden Christmas trees were carried into the street before daylight today during a fire which threatened to obliterate several blocks of the city in the vicinity of Fifty-eighth street and Eleventh avenue. A six-story factory building at 534 and 535 West Fifty-eighth street was completely destroyed with a loss of \$100,000.

With tenement houses on three sides and with the gas tanks of the Consolidated Gas company within reach of showers of sparks, the water pressure partially failed when the fire was hottest. Fire engines were hastily coupled together, pumping in pairs, and this device, together with the bold work of the firemen, who advanced almost into the zone of the flames in order to play on the fire with their weak streams, finally saved the hundreds of surrounding homes.

The fire was first discovered when flames burst from the third story window and belched completely across Fifty-eighth street with a roar like a discharging cannon. When the fire department arrived and tried to put up its compressed air extension ladders to the sixth floor, the ladders refused to extend. This delayed the firemen several minutes. Half an hour after the fire started, although it was still long before daylight, the rooms of Roosevelt hospital, some distance away, were lighted as if by daylight. There was great alarm among both patients and their attendants.

Such crowds rushed out of the tenement houses nearer the fire that the police from several stations were called out to handle them. At the height of the fire thousands of spectators temporarily forgot the burning building in watching a struggle in the upper window of a tenement house in Fifty-eighth street. A man started climbing over the window sill, preparing to drop to the street in his night clothes. Another man rushed out to save him. The two fought in the window above the sidewalk, while the crowd below cleared a semi-circle.

A blanket picked up at hazard from bedding which other tenants were trying to save was stretched directly under the window. It was not needed, however, for the half-crazed man was drawn back through his window by main strength. The firemen carried the hose from the crippled engines to the roofs of neighboring flat houses and where they both poured water upon the factory fire and extinguished little blazes which continually started on the roofs above them. The sun had risen before the last of the Christmas trees was carried back into the tenement houses, and the danger was entirely over. One fireman was injured by falling glass.

WRECK ON RIO GRANDE BUT NO ONE KILLED.

Durango, Colo., Dec. 25.—The east-bound Denver & Rio Grande passenger train from Silverton well loaded with passengers, was wrecked three miles from this city yesterday, and while no one was killed a large number of passengers were injured, 12 of them quite seriously.

The accident was caused, it is claimed, by a defective rail. The most seriously injured were: Miss Katie Porter, Silver City, right hand torn from arm; arm crushed up to the elbow.

George Scofield, bartender, Silverton, three ribs broken and serious internal injuries, which may result seriously.

Mr. S. Rogers, Silverton, bruises and black.

Infant son of Mrs. Rogers had several teeth knocked out.

—Herrick, head and back injured.

—Pena, head cut and bruised.

Tom Acord, Durango, Colo., left shoulder bruised.

John Acord, Silverton, face burned.

'NEATH BERRIES WHITE OF MISTLETOE

BY ROY FARRELL GREENE

You may hail the Christmas holly, with its scarlet berries bright,
You may sing the eve of Christmas crowning childhood with delight.
Of the turkey roasts with dressing you may speak in fulsome praise,
But I've memories far sweeter of December holidays.

Out from recollection's mist
Steal the rosy lips I've kissed,
Reluctant lips where cherry red and honey sweet were blended.
Oh, the time and place I bless,
And the quickly dabbled caress.

'Neath leaves of green and berries white of mistletoe suspended.

When the holidays are nearing, there may come to you a dream
Of plums that scarred the surface of a pudding all a-steam,
Or maybe pies of pumpkin, jugs of homemade cider sweet—
Your Christmas recollections may but be of things to eat!

But a dearer memory's mine—
Years have mellowed it like wine—
A memory I rise to greet with open arms extended,
Of surreptitious sips
From lush, reluctant lips
'Neath leaves of green and berries white of mistletoe suspended.

When rooms are wreathed in holly at the Christmastide, there may
To you seem nothing lacking in a decorative way,
But I'm not sure it's Christmas till a cluster I have seen
Of opalescent berries on a leafed background of green.

Then from recollection's mist
Steal the rosy lips I've kissed,
Reluctant lips where cherry red and honey sweet were blended.
Time and place again I bless,
And the quickly dabbled caress.

'Neath leaves of green and berries white of mistletoe suspended.

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A CHRISTMAS TREE ON LOS ANGELES LIMITED.

Daguer, Cal., Dec. 25.—A Christmas tree on board a train was the unique yule-tide celebration indulged in last night by the 40 Eastern newspapermen who are guests of the Los Angeles limited and who today left Los Angeles for their return trip across the continent. The Christmas tree laden with many gifts was unveiled in a Pullman vestibule as a surprise to the newspaper men from their railroad hosts. The novel celebration was the occasion of much merriment on the part of the newspaper men who are so many hundreds of miles from their homes on Christmas eve.

A FATAL RUNAWAY.

Horse With Buggy Dashes Into Train, Killing Two Persons.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 25.—A horse attached to a buggy ran into Penn-sylvania special train this morning and Henry Bonhorst and daughter Rose were instantly killed and Mrs. Barney Wahoff, also a daughter of Mr. Bonhorst, was severely injured. The horse struck the front end of the baggage car, immediately behind the engine and the accident was not known by the trainmen until the car inspectors in this city discovered a buggy curiously fastened in the door of the car and inquiry down the line was made.

PRISONERS CAPTURED.

Three Men Who Broke Jail at Kearney, Neb., Dec. 25.—Fred Gillette, W. B. Warner and Fred Engle-bracht, three men who broke jail in this city last week have been captured near Holdrege, where they were brought to bay in a haystack. They were pursued until nightfall by Sheriff Sammons and Chief of Police Truitt who secured an automobile for the chase after hearing that the men had been sighted near Elmore. Taking a stand in a haystack the trio fought off one posse with revolvers, fusillade, Sheriff Gustus, of Phelps county, with several deputies then drove down upon the exhausted men with rifles leveled and the men surrendered.

TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN NEW JERSEY

New York, Dec. 25.—Assemblyman Berk of New Jersey has drafted a bill to abolish capital punishment in that state and will go to Trenton tomorrow to ask Gov. Stokes to grant reprieves to all condemned murderers until the legislature shall have acted on the question.

If Gov. Stokes accedes to the assemblyman's request, two women, Mrs. Valentina and Mrs. Lotta, and a man awaiting death in the Hackensack jail and three men under sentence in other county jails will gain reprieves until the spring. There also are awaiting trial or sentence for murder five persons in the jail at Jersey City, three in Newark, two in Paterson and five elsewhere in the state.

BARON SEEFELD ARRESTED.

New York, Dec. 25.—Baron Fred'k Seefeld, whose residence is at present in Philadelphia, was arrested here last night charged with securing money under false pretenses. The police say that Countess Ika Palma, who is living at a New York hotel charges that several weeks ago she loaned the baron a large sum of money, taking his automobile as security and that afterward learned that the automobile did not belong to him.

TURBINE STEAMER A SUCCESS.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—The new Cunard line turbine steamer Carmania arrived in the Mersey from New York at 7 o'clock this morning, after a most successful voyage. Notwithstanding the fact that heavy weather was encountered, the passengers report that the vessel was steady and comfortable throughout the trip.

The saloon passengers left Liverpool at 5 o'clock this afternoon by special trains for London.

WORK OF SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER.

New York, Dec. 25.—The participation of charitable and religious organizations in the work of spreading Christmas cheer in this city today is to be on a larger scale than ever before.

About 2,000 families, including 10,000 persons, are to receive Christmas gifts or presents of clothing through the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. Friends of the association have contributed to it about \$15,000 to spend this work.

The Salvation Army will give free dinners today to 35,000 persons in the city and about 500,000 throughout the country. The Volunteers of America also will feed several thousand prisoners on Ellis Island were made happy yesterday by the missionaries of the various religious denominations who held Christmas services for the new arrivals. All the little children received dolls or other toys, the women boxes of candy and the men pipes and tobacco. Harry Baile, the keeper of the restaurant on the island, also gave to every one of the immigrants a Christmas dinner. Addresses were made in eight different tongues by the missionaries.

WHO SHALL RULE AMERICA?

Representative Silzer Discusses the Question at Length.

New York, Dec. 25.—Arraigning corporations and trusts as the greatest menace of the present time to American institutions, Representative Silzer discussed the problem of "Who Shall Rule America?" at the Baptist Church yesterday. At the Epiphany yesterday. In part he said:

"The total population of the United States is about 50,000,000. The total aggregate wealth is about \$65,000,000,000, and it appears that out of that population less than 25,000 persons own more than one-half of the aggregate wealth of the land. And this has all been brought about in the last 25 years by combinations and conspiracies called trusts fostered by special legislation and nurtured by political favoritism. If these conditions obtain in the next century, I predict that less than 5,000 persons will control more than three-quarters of the wealth of this country. Twenty years ago John D. Rockefeller was worth only a few hundred thousand dollars. Today his wealth cannot be estimated under a billion. I have searched the Congressional library for statistics bearing upon the wealth of the genus Croesus, whose name has been handed down through the ages and find that he possessed a paltry \$10,000,000. Why, he could not sit in a poker game with John D."

LOWELL FINDS SECOND COMET.

Boston, Dec. 25.—A telephone message has been received at the Harvard observatory from Prof. Percival Lowell, saying that he found a second comet on the photograph made on Nov. 29, at 8 hours 54 minutes time, 7 hours west of Greenwich, eighth ascension 338.5 declination minus 8.7.

The comet was moving two minutes an hour south by west or north by east. The comet had two tails, one extending north and the other north-east.

SPEND CHRISTMAS IN CITY OF BOSTON.

President Smith and Party Hold Meetings There and at Royalton, Vt.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER.

Church Leaders Have Time of Rejoicing During Their Sojourn in The East.

(Special to the "News.")

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—While services were being held in the cottage Saturday 300 on the outside gathered around the monument in a big snow-storm and were addressed by Elders John McQuarrie, F. F. Hintze and Benjamin Goddard on Gospel principles. Lunch for everybody was served in the cottage basement and after the crowd in carriages and sleighs had dispersed a meeting of Utah people was held on whose behalf President Anthon H. Lund presented President Joseph F. Smith with a gold watch guard and charm. The president responded touchingly and blessed all. It was a most memorable occasion.

Later the party returned to Royalton and held a meeting in the evening in Woodward's hall. There was a large audience and solos were rendered by Miss Gates, Miss Thomas and R. C. Huston. Addresses were delivered by Presidents Smith and Lund and Elders Charles W. Penrose and Junius F. Wells. There was a fine spirit and friends present were delighted. The Christmas News and Church literature were distributed free and made a great impression.

We left early in the morning and arrived at Boston three hours later, holding a meeting Sunday afternoon in Beacon hall. The speakers were Elders George A. Smith, Hyrum M. Smith, Rulon S. Wells and President Smith. Miss Emma Lucy Gates sang two solos and the sacrament was administered. Patriarch John Smith offered prayer and President Lyman pronounced the benediction. In the evening discourses were delivered by Elders Penrose, Lund, Snow, Grant, Taylor, Goddard and Young. As usual there was a splendid spirit.

We spend Christmas in Boston, leaving at night. All are well.

According to a private dispatch received in this city this morning President Joseph F. Smith and party will leave Chicago at 11 p. m. Friday and will arrive in Salt Lake at 5:30 Monday morning.

COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE HAMILTON'S STATEMENT

New York, Dec. 25.—At its meeting tomorrow the investigating committee composed of five trustees of the New York Life Insurance company will receive from Secy. John C. McCall the statement from Judge Andrew Hamilton, which Mr. McCall was sent to Paris to procure.

The committee is anxious to know all the details of Hamilton's legislative expenditures and will expect President McCall to throw light on whichever may be found obscure and unexplained in the Hamilton documents. This paper will also be presented to the legislative investigating committee.

President McCall and his son have gone over Hamilton's statement together since the younger man's arrival from Paris on Saturday. It is likely that President McCall will send the trustees' committee a statement of his own to accompany Hamilton's, and this may contain a further proposal with regard to the \$235,000 of funds paid to Hamilton, which it will be remembered Mr. McCall said he would restore to the company before Dec. 31 if Hamilton did not account satisfactorily for the money.

POPE WILL SEND PRESENT TO ALICE ROOSEVELT.

New York, Dec. 25.—According to a cable dispatch to the world, Pope X has just declared his intention to send a wedding present to Miss Alice Roosevelt, on the occasion of her wedding in February. The gift probably will be a beautiful piece of mosaic work from the Vatican factory, probably a copy of one of the most valuable paintings from the Vatican collection.

It has not been determined whether Mr. Falconio, the apostolic delegate in the United States shall present the gift on behalf of the pope or a special messenger shall be sent from the Vatican for the purpose. The latter course will probably be followed if the pope is given assurance that a papal representative at the wedding would be acceptable to the American president's family.

SHANGHAI MIXED COURT.

The German Assessor and Foreign Guards Were Present.

Shanghai, Dec. 25.—The mixed court was reopened Saturday. The German assessor and armed foreign guards were present, but everything was normal. All is quiet today, but blue inklets and guards are still posted around the foreign concessions.

There are rumors of another riot to occur tonight, but all precautions have been taken.

Reports of Japanese complicity in the recent trouble are generally considered to be without foundation.

CIGAR MAKERS AGAINST ANY TARIFF REDUCTION.

New York, Dec. 25.—A protest is to be made by the local cigarmakers' unions to Congress against a bill before the house to change the tariff law in reference to exports from the Philippines. Among other things the bill provides that 26 per cent of the duties now imposed on cigars brought from the Philippines shall prevail until 1909, when the tariff shall be altogether abolished. Delegate Lowmy for the cigarmakers said yesterday: "The cigars are made by coolie labor in the Philippines where the men are paid 30 or 40 cents a day. About 200,000,000 a year are imported from the Philippines now. In case this law goes into effect, 500,000,000 cigars or more will be imported annually."

KING LEOPOLD.

No Longer Any Doubt About His Morganatic Marriage.

New York, Dec. 25.—A Paris dispatch to the World dated today says: According to the Revel de Bruges there can be no longer any doubt about King Leopold's morganatic marriage.

"It took place 12 months ago," the paper says, "in the private chapel of the chateau of Laeken, near Brussels, in the presence of two aides de camp, and the court chaplain, acting under the authority of the cardinal archbishop of Mechlin."

The lady is Mme. Vaughan, whose maiden name was Mile Le Croix. She is a niece of Van Lamengdole, a Socialist member of the Belgian chamber of deputies for the town of Louvain.

"Mme. Vaughan was born at Louvain and is the daughter of a caretaker. She has been created a baroness by the king, and gave birth to a fine child quite recently."

The lady lives on the king's property at Cin Vents, near Nice.

"The matter is now an open fact."

McCLELLAN WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

New York, Dec. 25.—Certificates of election will be presented tomorrow to Mayor McClellan and the other candidates who, on the face of returns were successful at the last election. Exact figures have not been given out, but it is known that the plurality of Mayor McClellan has been reduced by about 300 from the figures given out by the police on election night, giving him by the corrected figures a plurality over William Randolph Hearst of about \$400.

No opposition will be made on behalf of Mr. Hearst to issuance of a certificate to Mayor McClellan, but there has been no withdrawal of the announced plan to ask the legislature to make a complete investigation of the election. With the evidence brought out in such an inquiry as a basis, it is declared that quo warranto proceedings will be instituted to test the right of the mayor to hold his office.

Election bets, however, will be paid without more delay. About \$1,500,000 has been tied up in the hands of stakeholders since before the election.

MURDERED BY HOLD-UPS.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 25.—Frank L. Scott, vice president of the Davie Real Estate company died last night from wounds inflicted by hold-ups Wednesday night.

REV. DR. R. A. TORREY RETURNS.

New York, Dec. 25.—Just returned from England, where he conducted one of the most notable religious revivals in that nation's history, Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey spoke yesterday at a meeting for men in the Majestic theater, Brooklyn, which was crowded. About 20 persons professed conversion at the close of the service.

GREAT PROPHET OF GALILEE.

Dr. Talmage Delivers Eloquent Address on Christ at The Tabernacle.

A FINE MUSICAL PROGRAM.

How the Heart of the Christian World Responds to the Melody Of the Christmas Carol.

Much to be Thankful for in Thought That at Least Once a Year an Almost Universal Truce is Called.

In the Tabernacle this morning, special Christmas services were held, commencing at 11 o'clock. The program consisted of musical numbers by John J. McClellan, and an address on the meaning of Christmas day, by Elder James E. Talmage.

The gallery was well filled when the program began, and each number was heartily appreciated. The opening prayer was offered by Jos. Felt, and the benediction was pronounced by Chas. Wilcken.

The opening musical number was "Church," scene from "Cavallera Rusticana," by Mascagni. It was followed by "The Virgin's Prayer," by Massenet, in "Paradisiacum" by Theo. Dubois, and an old Russian theme, which seemed particularly appropriate.

Dr. Talmage then delivered a short sermon on the day, the text of which is given below, and the program was concluded by four organ numbers. They were "The Evening Star" and "Waltzer Prase Song," from "Die Meistersinger," by Wagner; the "Pillgrim's Chorus," and the "Famous Largo," by Handel.

SYNOPSIS OF ADDRESS.

A synopsis of Dr. Talmage's address follows:

As instruments of music tuned to vibrate in unison respond to the note of their tuning, so do Christian hearts throughout the world answer the chord of the Christmas carol. We do well to observe with fitting service the recurrence of a season consecrated to good will and true fellowship. Though men may strive and contend, though the sound of conflict is heard in the marts of commerce, in the halls of legislation, in the courts of law, even in the selfish and exclusive spirit of the age, still labor to divide new and more effective means of mankind—killing their brothers on the field of slaughter, there is some comfort in the thought that a truce is called at least once a year and the Christmas spirit of brotherhood is allowed to rule.

This is no time for argument as to differences. This is not the time to become a holy day when sanctified by the rites of loving remembrance.

BELIEF IN RISEN LORD.

On this day the Latter-day Saints as well as Christian parties, sects and churches in general, declare anew their belief in and acceptance of the Risen Lord as Savior and Redeemer of mankind; and this profession they manifest by acts of kindly ministrations and deeds of charity unfeigned.

What matters it for the purpose of the present day in fact that we know the exact date of the birth of Bethlehem's Babe? This Church is not alone in that knowledge. Theologians and historians of many sorts of belief and profession long ago proclaimed—the advent of the Christ as a mortal Child must have occurred in the year's springtime, not at the time of winter's night. We believe that April is the favored month, and of that month the sixth is the day of days forever sacred as the natal day of Christ; and in this definite belief we are not separate and alone. The month and day are of no such importance as to justify contention that shall kill or weaken the spirit of Christmas observance. Better that some day, any day indeed, be distinctly hallowed by charity, hospitality, and love than none.

BIRTH THE CENTRAL POINT.

The birth of Jesus Christ is acknowledged to be the pivotal event about which the history of man, the world's history indeed, has shaped and is shaping itself. Yet that event, at the time of its occurrence was unnoticed save by the watchful and ready. It was sublimely appropriate—the advent of the Great Shepherd should be first announced to shepherds of earth—those simple-hearted caretakers of the flocks, watching by night, and worshipping as they watched. How many generations of shepherds had thus watched and prayed through centuries of mighty vigils on Judea's plains, we may not know. With them was the expectant hope of Israel in general, a hope that had been both encouragement and disappointment at times flaming upward as a consuming fire in their hearts, the dying down to smoldering embers of faint belief—the expectation of "that Prophet" foretold by their ancient law-giver—the coming of the long-heralded Anointed One, the Messiah, the Christ. But the long waiting of centuries was at last rewarded; and in the very meridian of time the messengers of heaven proclaimed the advent of the King, as they chanted the heavenly hymn, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward men."

APPEARANCE OF THE STAR.

To the learned and the wise the com-